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- 1. POST HAS AVAILABLE AND DOES DRAW ON DEPARTMENT PRESS BRIEFING CABLES AND OTHER RELEVANT STATEMENTS OF USG POSITION WHEN RESPONDING TO HOST GOVERNMENT DEMARCHES. REGRET THAT IN SUMMARIZING MY COMMENTS TO KHADDAM I DID NOT MAKE THIS CLEAR. (DAMASCUS REFTEL).
- 2. KHADDAM WAS SPECIFICALLY RAISING QUESTION OF ISRAELI PROVISION OF EQUAL SERVICES TO WEST BANK. HE DID NOT FEEL U.S. STATEMENT THAT FULL LEGAL IMPACT OF THIS ISRAELI GOVERNMENT DECISION IS NOT YET CLEAR CONSTITUTES STRONG ENOUGH U.S. REACTION, EVEN WHEN WE CHARACTERIZED DECISION AS CREATING IMPRESSION OF PERMANENCE WHICH IS NOT HELPFUL. SYRIANS HAVE APPRECIATED FORCEFUL U.S. STATEMENTS RE ILLEGALITY OF ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS BUT HAVE ALWAYS SAID THEY WANTED TO SEE EFFECTIVE U.S. ACTION CONFIDENTIAL

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TO STOP THESE ISRAELI ACTIVITIES.

3. I HAVE NOT FOUND IT HELPFUL TO GIVE SYRIANS FULL TEXT OF U.S. PRESS BRIEFINGS. INTRICATE GIVE AND TAKE IN SESSIONS CONFUSES READERS HERE. IT IS HELPFUL, HOWEVER, TO SUPPLEMENT ORAL PRESENTATIONS BY HANDING OVER TEXT OF FORMAL U.S. STATEMENTS BOTH FROM PRESS BRIEFINGS AND

OTHER FORA AND I WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO IN THE FUTURE	į.
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